MR. SPEAKER.—Is it fair for the hon. Member to intervene when I am standing ?! It is not proper.

SRI D. B. KALMANKAR.—I was seeking further clarification.

MR. SPEAKER.—I expect better observance of rules, especially from members who are practising lawyers in courts. Hon. Members should behave in a manner befitting the dignity of the House.

SRI D. B. KALMANKAR.—But I have observed some hon. Members coming to their seats when you are standing.

MR. SPEAKER.—All the hon. Members should halt where they are and they should not enter the House when I am on my legs. The Rules are there for their guidance and they should follow them scrupulously. When the Presiding Officer is standing, they cannot enter the House.

I have received another letter from Sri S. Gopala Gowda, Member, Legislative Assembly, requesting for leave of absence from attending the current sittings of the Assembly. Sri Gopala Gowda is in the hospital on account of his illness.

Is it the pleasure of the Assembly that permission be granted to Sri S. Gopal Gowda from being absent from attending the current sittings of the Assembly ?

HON. MEMBERS.—Yes.

MR. SPEAKER.—Permission to remain absent is granted.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—Before you take up Questions, I want to request you to see that some procedure is followed while asking questions.

MR. SPEAKER.—Everything will be done according to the Rules.

Political Conference of Mysore Congress (O) at Belgaum

2. SRI B. P. KADAM (Karwar).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether there was a Political Conference of Mysore Congress Leaders at Belgaum on the 14th and 15th of February 1970 ;

(*b*) if so, whether any outside police force was brought to Belgaum from other districts for 'Bandobast' ;

(*c*) if so, from where the force was brought and the total number of force brought ;

(*d*) the total amount spent on the T.A. and D.A. of the Police force brought to Belgaum from other taluks of the district;

(*e*) the total amount spent on the T A. and D.A. of the Police force brought to Belgaum from other districts of the State ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) Yes. Additional force to the extent necessary was indented for. Further details cannot be disclosed in public interest.

(*d*) Rs. 4,230 approximately.

(*e*) Rs. 1,022 approximately.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—What was the extent of force necessary according to the estimates of the local authorities of Belgaum then ?

†Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—Whatever force was necessary according to the local officers, was made available to them.

Sri B. P. KADAM.—May I know from how many Districts the Police force was indented ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—I think mostly from the same District and may be from one adjoining District.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—Was it necessary to bring Police force from outside District when there was a Conference of the Syndicate Congress at Belgaum ?

Sri VEERENDRA PATIL.—When there is a Conference, whether it has been held by the Syndicate Congress or Indicate Congress or any other political party, it is the primary responsibility of the Government to see that law and order is maintained. Because some local parties like the Samyuktha Maharashtra Samithi and the M. E. S. had organised a 'Bandh' on that day, in order to maintain law and order, whatever force was absolutely necessary, was made available to them.

Demonstration by some leaders at the Meeting of the Congress (O) at Belgaum

3. Sri B. P. KADAM (Karwar) —

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether a political Conference of Mysore Congress Leaders (O) was held at Belgaum on the 14th and 15th of February 1970;

(*b*) whether a procession was taken out by some leaders from the Khade Bazaar area on 14th February 1970 (evening);

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†Indicates that remarks or speeches have not been revised by the member concerned.